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CITIGROUP RAISES GLOBAL RECESSION ODDS TO 50%

Citigroup analysts' warning comes in the wake of central banks around the world rushing to raise interest rates to arrest inflation

SUPPLY SHOCKS TO ADD TO ECONOMIC WOES

Recession is an "increasingly palpable risk" for the economy, the analysts said. "The global economy is flashing a number of yellow lights at present, which flow from the persistent supply shocks but also increasingly from central bank tightening and the effects of tighter financial conditions and higher inflation on the behaviour of consumers," they added

FACTORY ACTIVITY GROWTH SLOWS

Citigroup's bleak prognosis is shared by Deutsche Bank, which also feels the global economy may be headed for a recession
Baring the cracks in the battered global economy, factory activity indices for June released on Thursday in Japan, Britain, the euro zone and US showed a sharp decline in growth

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CENTRAL BANKS ACROSS THE WORLD HAVE INCREASED INTEREST RATES THIS YEAR

Alumni slam NLSIU over handling of sexual abuse

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

THE National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, drew flak for allegedly fining two student facilitators for speaking against sexual harassment allegedly perpetrated by a faculty member of the university.

In May, NLSIU had fined the two facilitators after they had discussed details of sexual harassment that had been narrated to them by the victim, who is not a student of NLSIU. The details of the harassment had been shared over e-mail and through a private Facebook group. Following this, NLSIU had taken action against the two, despite explicit permission given to them by the victim to share details, citing a violation of the university's

disciplinary rules and calling the act a "major misconduct".

The two female students, who are also facilitators appointed under the university's Code to Combat Sexual Harassment, were asked to issue a public apology for discussing the issue or pay a fine. The two refused to tender an apology and paid a fine of Rs 5,000 each to the university. The university had also removed them as facilitators for Sexual Harassment Inquiry Committee (SHRIC) following the incident.

In solidarity with the two students, 200 alumni from the university have written an open letter to the university condemning the students' punishment. "We condemn NLSIU's finding that the student facilitators are guilty of 'major misconduct'," the letter read. **P5**



COACH SAVES U.S. SWIMMER IN NICK OF TIME



Anita Alvarez was saved by her coach at the World Aquatics Championships in Budapest on Wednesday



1 The US synchronised swimmer sinks to the bottom during her routine in the solo free artistic final 2 Coach Andrea Fuentes, sensing what has happened, swims to check 3 After grabbing hold of Anita, her coach pulls her to the surface 4 Another member of Team US dives into the pool to provide support 5 After lifting her out of water, attempts are made to revive Anita. She has since recovered and is expected to compete on Friday despite her history of fainting at competitions | **A6**

UNPRECEDENTED FLOODING IN TECHIE TOWN OF ASSAM

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

FOUR days ago, Amal Das called up his friend Prabal in Kolkata to inform he was standing in ankle-deep floodwaters. Amal was talking from his first floor home in Silchar town, now entirely submerged. Like him, thousands are stranded as the raging river Barak has submerged not just this entire town in southern Assam's Cachar district but the whole river valley.

Silchar is incommunicado and without transport as 5-12 feet waves lash the streets.

Locals say this is unprecedented. Pregnant women and children are the worst sufferers. The town is without power and water supply. Hand pumps, wells, borewells, shops and commercial establishments are all inundated. Batteries of mobile phones have drained out and there is no Internet.

Silchar takes pride in producing hundreds of techies — many of them settled abroad. As it is now in the throes of an acute shortage of essentials, the state government began air-dropping food packets, bottles of

drinking water and other essentials.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who conducted an aerial survey of the district, of which Silchar is the headquarters, said the government would continue air-droppings for the marooned, apart from regular relief.

Assam's Transport Minister Parimal Suklabaidya told this newspaper, "I am at chest-deep water now. Some 4,000 transformers in the district are under water. The flood has made life hell. The administration is providing relief."



Shinde has 37. Prove it on floor of House: Pawar

Sena seeks disqualification of 12 MLAs to pressure them; rebel count keeps swelling

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

WITH rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde showcasing the support of 37 party MLAs in a group photo-op at a Guwahati hotel on Thursday, he appeared to have the numbers to escape the anti-defection law. Also seen in the group photo were nine Independent MLAs.

But NCP chief Sharad Pawar rallied around beleaguered Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, saying numerical strength can only be proved in a trust vote on the floor of the Assembly. He blamed the BJP for engineering it, citing Shinde's claim that it had assured all support. With the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition making hectic efforts to draw the rebels back home, Sena leader Sanjay Raut sought to dangle a carrot by claiming the party was prepared to concede their demand to step out the alliance if all of them return within 24 hours and meet Uddhav.

Parallely, the Sena was said to have asked the Deputy Speaker to take action against those MLAs who did not attend the legislature party meeting.

For their part, the rebels said, "we do not want a change in party president; we want the unnatural Aghadi alliance to go and a new government with the BJP for various reasons. (a)

We want harassment by central enforcement agencies to stop. (b) NCP is our real political opponent on the ground. Whenever fresh Assembly elections are held, NCP and Congress cannot be expected to transfer votes to Shiv Sena because they have been our traditional foes. However, when BJP was the ally, the transfer of votes was smooth. (c) BJP is a big party, so keeping it in good humour is smart politics."

TWISTS AND TURNS

- Sanjay Raut claims Sena open to considering quitting Aghadi if rebels return in 24 hours
- NCP, Cong downplay Raut's remark, vow to support Uddhav govt
- Pawar blames BJP for the crisis
- But Dy CM Ajit Pawar says he does not see any BJP role in the rebellion

But Raut said those afraid of CBI, ED or income tax raids are not hardcore Shiv Sainiks.

As for Shinde, his support group appears to be swelling. When he had initially shepherded them to Surat, his MLA count was 20. It went up to 22 by the time he flew out of Surat to Guwahati, where more joined in. On Thursday, four other Sena MLAs entered his camp, taking his score to 37. **P9**

BEFORE & AFTER MODI'S VISIT...



The road patches in Kommaghatta that were repaired ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bengaluru earlier this week have started peeling off within a week. Local residents blame the shoddy work done by authorities. The BBMP had spent ₹24 crore to give the roads a facelift for the PM's visit | **EXPRESS REPORT: P2**

Draft of BBMP's 243 wards out, public gets 2 weeks to object

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AFTER the Supreme Court direction to the state government to complete the process of delimitation of wards and OBC reservation within eight weeks, the state government issued the draft notification for delimitation of 243 wards in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits.

The Urban Development Department (UDD) has given the public 15 days to file their objections to delimitation of wards. As per the notification, all persons/institutions who have objections or suggestions to the proposal, are required to file objections before the Additional Chief Secretary of the UDD at Vikasa Soudha.

Delimitation is done based on the 2011 population by the joint House panel headed by MLA S Raghu, and the BBMP sent the same to the UDD last week. The process was done under the BBMP Act 2020. **P2**

BRICS BATS FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

Respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states, supporting talks between Russia & Ukraine and warning against Afghan sheltering terrorists were some of the highlights of the 14th BRICS Summit | **P9**

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Govt to reach out to seers to eradicate untouchability

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THE state government is planning to rope in religious leaders from different faiths in its efforts to eradicate untouchability which still exists in some parts of Karnataka. This initiative is jointly being taken up by the Social Welfare Department and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR).

Under this programme, the government is planning to give addition-

al grants as incentives to panchayats where there are no untouchability practices.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to virtually launch Vinaya Samarasya, an awareness programme to eradicate untouchability across gram panchayats in Karnataka soon. The campaign is named after Vinay, a two-year old toddler whose family was fined Rs 25,000 after he entered a temple premises in Koppal in 2021. **P5**



James Tahiyat, a missionary, speaks to a newly-converted Rohingya woman | **EXPRESS**

sionary in his mid-20s who studied in Don Bosco Delhi, claimed that no one was being "forced" and only the "word of

God" was being preached. James's father Farook's family was the first in the Rohingya camp here to embrace Christianity a few years ago.

It is said some Christian missionaries working on health and nutrition had come across this place. James, previously a Muslim, was enrolled in a Christian school for studies and he later embraced Christianity. He completed his masters in religious studies. The family from Myanmar that runs a scrap business is now preaching their new religion to fellow Rohingyas who still follow Islam. **P4**



Most of them converted between 2013 and 2015. Around 1,500 Rohingyas in Delhi, Haryana and Hyderabad have converted to Christianity
James Tahiyat, A missionary

EXPRESS INTAKE

Bommai shuts down all talk of cabinet expansion | **P4**

Murmu to file nomination today, PM extends wishes | **P9**

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